

9 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 9 December Briefing of the Task Force for Intelligence Activities.

1. The main issue of today's briefing by the FE Division was the character and effectiveness of our [REDACTED] effort. At 25X1X4 the outset, Colonel Lane remarked, "General Clark was specifically instructed by Mr. Hoover to assess the value of our [REDACTED] and 25X1X4 [REDACTED] efforts. He wants an answer to two questions-- 'What are we getting out of it?' 'Is all this money well spent?' " Colonel Lane then added, "I am not here to criticize but only to see what you people are actually doing. However, I find it extremely 25X1X4 difficult to assess the value of [REDACTED]. My personal observation is that we have fought two wars with the wrong allies. We really need a friend in Japan and Germany and if we had an armed Japan and an armed Germany on our side, we would be invulnerable." He continued, "I now learn that [REDACTED] 25X1X4 [REDACTED] the Iron Curtain [REDACTED] 25X1X4 [REDACTED] and Germany. I am wondering whether we are doing enough here, but I might add that you people are to be commended for an outstanding job in the [REDACTED] The 25X1A6a value of that operation cannot be measured in dollars and cents."

2. Although the [REDACTED] effort was the major issue 25X1X4 of the day, Colonel Lane again demonstrated a particular interest in [REDACTED], personnel 25X1X4 training and the old issue of fitness reports. Colonel Lane reiterated that there should be some concerted action in briefing officers on the impact of entries in personnel fitness reports. A long discussion was held regarding the [REDACTED] and 25X1X4 the problems involved in the [REDACTED] 25X1X4 [REDACTED]

3. The excellent three-hour morning briefing by the Chief of the FE Division on the organization, missions and operations of the Division was most impressive. Colonel Lane commented that this briefing was so complete and so well presented that the rest was relatively easy inasmuch as most of his questions were already answered.

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4. At one point during the briefing Colonel Lane stated, "The Committee report on the Clandestine Services will not go to the Hoover Commission proper but probably will be a 'restricted report' solely for the President and the National Security Council since most of the Commission is not cleared."

5. Colonel Lane is requesting from each branch for quick perusal a chart of their organizational structure with accompanying personnel figures as well as a copy of their related mission directive. Divisions yet to be heard from might be so informed and have these items readily available. Colonel Lane is adhering to his practice of meeting each and every employee and observing them at work in their own offices.

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